We are pleased to report the following items.

(0) Publication of *The Unicode Standard, 5.1.0*

On April 4, 2008 The Unicode Consortium announced publication of *The Unicode Standard v. 5.1.0*. Ideographic Variation Selectors (IVS) are officially recognized in this release. Read the official announcement here, and note the IVS link in paragraph 3:

http://www.unicode.org/press/pr-5.1.html

Also, please note that Unicode 5.1.0 includes eight new CJK Ideographs. From the UniHan 5.1 header:

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#   U+9FBC..U+9FC3    : CJK Unified Ideographs (5.1)
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(1) *Draft Unicode Technical Report #45 is now available*

“U-SOURCE IDEOGRAPHS”

http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr45/

This document describes U-source ideographs submitted to IRG for CJK ideograph unification work. A Unicode Technical Report (UTR) contains informative material. Please submit corrigenda and comments through the online reporting form at the above URL.

(2) A new online CDL tool is now available for IRG use

“文林 Wénlin CDL-to-SVG 表格”

http://www.wenlin.com/cgi-bin/wenlinSVGhelp.pl

This online tool, created in collaboration with *Wenlin Institute, Inc.* (with funding from the US *National Endowment for the Humanities*, see IRGN 1390), renders CDL as SVG, and also converts IDS and free-form queries to CDL. This tool will be introduced in a paper (IRGN 1449) and presentation during the IRG #30 meeting.

(3) *IVS use in Adobe Acrobat 9*

*Adobe Systems, Inc.* announced the release of *Adobe Acrobat 9* and *Flash Player 10*,


both of which now support the use of Ideographic Variation Selectors (IVS). Use of IVS in *Acrobat 9* will be introduced in a paper (IRGN 1435) and presentation during the IRG #30 meeting.